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Over the past summer I was treasurer for a State Representative Candidate. I must admit it was one of the most trying and difficult tasks I have ever experienced in my life. The Citizen Elections program provides the average citizen the benefit of being able to run for a political office, and the wonderful election liaisons allow us to successfully utilize the program. Although the handbook gives all the rules and regulations, I found almost daily a question I could not answer. I spoke to my incredible liaison Paige Adams at least three times a week if not more. Questions ranging from how to to complete the weekly disclosures forms to which expenditures were permissible, were some of the many issues my liaison walked me through. Furthermore, the turnover was incredible. In Most instances, I would email or phone in a question, and immediately get a response. If my very knowledgeable liaison Paige could not immediately responds to my issue, then it never took more than an hour for a response. When trying to be elected to a political office time is of an essence and the staff at the Elections Enforcement Commission were helpful, knowledgeable, and highly efficient.